

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Fixed Gauges Licenses," Dated October 1998**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of NUREG-1556, Volume 4, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Fixed Gauges Licenses," dated October 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of NUREG-1556, Vol. 4, may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. A copy of the document is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone: 301-415-7874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 23, 1997 (62 FR 67100), NRC announced the availability of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 4, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Fixed Gauges Licenses," dated October 1997, and requested comments on it. This draft NUREG report was the fourth program-specific guidance developed to support an improved materials licensing process. The NRC staff considered all the comments, including constructive suggestions to improve the document, in the preparation of the final NUREG report.

The final version of NUREG-1556, Volume 4, is now available for use by applicants, licensees, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC staff. It supersedes the guidance for applicants and licensees previously found in Draft Regulatory Guide and Value/Impact Statement, FC 404-4, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses for the Use of Sealed Sources and Nonportable Gauging Devices," dated January 1985, in Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Policy and Guidance Directive (P&GD), FC 85-4, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for Use of Sealed Sources and Nonportable Gauging Devices," dated February 6, 1985, and in NMSS P&GD, FC 85-8, Revision 1, "Licensing of Fixed Gauges and Similar Devices," dated June 29, 1988. In addition, the draft report also contained information found in pertinent Technical Assistance Requests and Information Notices. NRC staff will use this final report in reviewing these applications.

NUREG-1556, Volume 4, will also be available electronically approximately 1 month after publication of this notice by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov>) and choosing "Nuclear Materials," and then "NUREG-1556, Volume 4."

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996, NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of November, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Master Materials Licenses, Availability of Draft NUREG**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 10, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Master Materials Licenses," dated October 1998.

NRC is using Business Process Redesign techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials

Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG series of reports. This draft NUREG report is the tenth program-specific guidance developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

The guidance is intended for use by Federal applicants and licensees, and NRC staff. This document updates the guidance for applicants and licensees previously found in Policy and Guidance Directive (P&GD) 6-02, Revision 1: "Standard Review Plan (SRP) for License Application for Master Material License," dated September 25, 1997. Note that this document is strictly for public comment and is not for use in preparing or reviewing applications for Master Materials licenses until it is published in final form. It is being distributed for comment to encourage public participation in its development.

DATES: The comment period ends March 8, 1999. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to d1m1@nrc.gov.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 10, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to slm2@nrc.gov. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 10, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Volume 10, will be available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/>)